

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified Application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-18, and 24-40 are pending in the Application, claims 1 and 23 having been canceled herein, and claim 34 having been rewritten in independent form.

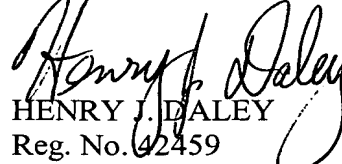
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 12-17 have been allowed and claims 34-39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to contain all the limitations of its base claim. Applicant has thus rewritten claim 34 in independent form to contain the limitations of base claim 23. The dependencies of other pending claims have been amended so that all pending claims now depend, either directly or indirectly, from an allowable base claim.

Applicant has addressed all of the Examiner's objections and rejections and believes the Application is now in condition for allowance.

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